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Message from the President, Mr. John W. Molson



Dear Members,

Two busy years have already passed since our last newsletter. We haven't slowed down though, and have many on-going or recently completed projects, further described in this newsletter, including:

- Implementation of two important restoration projects at the Hurtubise House, Montreal, and at the Domaine Pointe-de-Saint-Vallier, which began in 2011 and will end this fall.
- Restoration of the north roof at the *Les Éboulements Mill*, which began in June 2012 (south roof already done).
- Monitoring of extensive work on the Galipeault Bridge and Sainte-Anne Street located just beside the Simon Fraser House in Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, which began in 2008 and will probably end this fall.
- In 2011, we developed a new partnership to manage the B&B at the Sir John A. Macdonald House in Rivière-du-Loup which has been renewed in 2012.
- This year, CHQ has focused on improving its communication tools including a new electronic newsletter format which will be published twice a year. We will also redesign CHQ's website to include the latest information and to improve user access. We'll update our website regularly to keep you informed of our activities.
- We are planning activities to mark our 50th anniversary which will take place following the completion of several major CHQ restoration projects.

We thank our partners, supporters, volunteers and all our members. We sincerely appreciate your relentless work, generous time and commitment.

Best regards from all of us at CHQ.

Hurtubise House, Westmount Phase II of the Restoration Project

The second phase of the restoration project began in August 2011 and should be completed shortly. Details have included repairing cracks in the west stone wall, restoring the front galleries, upgrading the plumbing, electric and heating systems and restoring interior finishes on the ground floor using a very specific approach to retain the traces of time.



We acknowledge the outstanding quality of work undertaken by the architects, engineers, archaeologists and curators who collaborated on this project. Initiated and funded by CHQ along with the Ministère de la Culture et des Communications du Québec (MCC) and the City of Montreal, it is one of our largest projects ever. More information will come after its completion.

Greenwood, Hudson

This year the Greenwood Centre for Living History has been enthusiastically celebrating its 15th year in operation. To mark the occasion, a new exhibit "15 Seasons, 15 Heirlooms" is a highlight of the home and garden tours which have been going on throughout the spring and summer.

As a thriving hub of heritage and culture with many lively fundraising activities, Greenwood has made a name for itself in the Hudson and area community. Fundraisers over the years have contributed much to the ongoing expenses of maintenance and general repairs. But in this, our fifteenth year, Greenwood has for the first time become financially self-sufficient. We hope that this will be the case for years to come! Once again, student grants from Young Canada Works made it possible to hire summer help: young people whose fresh ideas, energy and enthusiasm are invaluable. Renovations and work bees keep the property looking its best.

Domaine Pointe-de-Saint-Vallier

A restoration project at the Domaine Pointe-de-Saint-Vallier which began last year and will end this fall. This project, entirely funded by CHQ, was made possible through the expertise of Mr. F. Varin, architect, the efforts of skilled workers in restoration and the invaluable help of volunteers from the Domaine Pointe-de-Saint-Vallier organization.

This project includes the restoration of the roof (“tôle à la canadienne”) as well as front and rear galleries rebuilt in wood, painting of exterior walls and other improvements to the Manor. To highlight this project, the Domaine Pointe-de-Saint-Vallier organization organized a special activity at the site on August 5, which was well attended by the local community and by CHQ board members.



New look of the Manor

This past summer, the Domaine Pointe-de-Saint-Vallier organization hired a student and opened the property to the public 4 days a week. CHQ member Yves Guillet published a limited-edition book that documents the 300-year history of the property, replete with texts and photos. www.domainepointedesaintvallier.com

In 2013, the municipality of Saint-Vallier will celebrate its 300th anniversary. To mark this event, an organizing committee has been formed and CHQ will collaborate in the activities by opening the site of the Domaine to the public.

Fraser Manor, Rivière-du-Loup

In 2011, the Board of Directors of the Société de sauvegarde du patrimoine du Grand-Portage hired Mrs. Monique Gaudet as CEO. For the summer of 2012, a new feature for visitors to the Fraser Manor was the guided walking tours, offered twice daily. Participants explored Rivière-du-Loup and learned about how the town was laid according to the development plans of the Fraser seigneurs. Stops included local landmarks, including St. Bartholomew's Anglican church and Eglise St. Patrice. See further details at www.manoirfraser.com.

Sir John A. B&B, Rivière-du-Loup

Since 2011, Ms. Anny Lefebvre has managed the Sir John A. B&B classified “Four Suns” by the Corporation de l’industrie touristique du Québec (CITQ). She has extensive experience in tourism management. For more information, please visit the website www.lesrochers.ca

Les Éboulements Mill



Last July, we began the restoration project of the Les Éboulements Mill. The work consisted of north side roof repairs (cedar shingles), front attic windows, front wall and the wall on the south side.

Following a call for tenders, we selected a contractor from Les Éboulements who works with a specialist in carpentry and masonry in accordance with traditional techniques. Mr. Jean-Guy Tremblay, our miller, is also closely involved in this project for his knowledge and expertise in the restoration and maintenance of the Mill. This project is funded by CHQ and supported by a grant from the Ministère de la Culture et des Communications du Québec (MCC).

Cap Mont-Joli, Percé

The site of Cap Mont-Joli has gained undeniable symbolic value and is frequently mentioned in various tourist publications of Quebec. This year, CHQ has initiated a collaborative approach with local partners to improve accessibility and developed an interpretation guide for visitors.

For the sake of preserving this heritage, CHQ has used the expertise of architect François Varin to prepare a “health booklet” and a maintenance plan in order to protect the four important heritage buildings and this site. This will allow us to better define and optimize our future plans for this site.

Tadoussac’s Model Boats

From May 2011-May 2012, the Musée de Charlevoix in La Malbaie hosted the exhibition “*Cap sur les Bateaux Blancs*”. A scale model of the CSL boat “S.S. Québec”, as well as many related items were loaned to the Musée from our own Musée Maritime.

Since 2011, the Tadoussac Marina has displayed several of our model boats, including an old goelette, the Prince Shoal Lightship, and former ferries serving Tadoussac, Rivière du Loup and St. Siméon. John Molson attended the opening.

Natural site of Pointe-Sauvage, Bergeronnes

Since the fall of 2011, CHQ has been in contact with the municipality of Bergeronnes, Conservation de la Nature Canada and local partners to improve the preservation of this site. Further meetings and discussions will continue this year.